

STATE VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT TO GOVERNOR

OSBORN ON STATE HOUSING TOUR CONDUCTED FROM

JANUARY 14, 1946 THROUGH JANUARY 29, 1946

Personnel taking part on the housing tour were Mr. Arnold Fouts, Housing Representative of the National Housing Agency; Mr. Glen Snodgrass, Veterans' Employment Representative; Mr. John Curtain and Mr. Graves O'Rielly, Area Supervisors of the United States Employment Service; and Mr. Spencer Thompson, State Veterans' Service Officer.

Fourteen meetings were held in the following communities: Yuma, Tucson, Nogales, Phoenix, Bisbee, Douglas, Safford, Clifton, Globe, Holbrook, Winslow, Flagstaff, Kingman, and Prescott. Each of these communities has a Veterans' Advisory Committee taking active part in community problems regarding veterans and the members of those committees were invited, as well as property owners, City and County Officials, Veterans Organizations, and others.

The housing situation throughout the State was explained. Figures were also cited, listing the number of veterans returning to the State each month, which is upwards of 6,000, and the possibility that before the end of this year, 90,000 veterans will have come to this State, many of them immigrants who are health seekers, and many returning to their homes.

The purpose of the meetings was primarily to appeal to local property owners to extend veterans preference in the normal turn-over of rental properties. In connection with carrying out this function, it was suggested that a Housing Service be established in the communities, either as a part of the Veterans' Advisory Committee or acting as a separate body. One important service of the proposed Housing Service was to act as a one-stop reference for veterans regarding their housing problems. Also, to keep an accurate log for applications for housing which might at a later date be very important to the housing situation from the state level. It was suggested that the Housing Service would also act as a two-way flow of information, they receiving information from the National Housing Agency in San Francisco and disseminating that information to the entire community, through media suggested in the guide for providing housing services for veterans.

Mr. Arnold Fouts explains the housing picture and organization of the National Housing Agency and the constituent agencies, which are, Federal Housing Administration, Federal Public Housing Authority, and The Home Owner's Loan Corporation. He also explained the functions of each. He touched on the history of why we now have an acute housing shortage, and explained several steps that have been taken by the Federal Government to alleviate it.

The provision of Civilian Production Administration Order PR 33 which channels 50% of critical items needed in the construction of homes, and 50% into industrial building, into that channel and the regulations explaining the use of priority through which these items could be obtained in connection with the above regulations. The new regulations issued by the Federal Housing Authority liberalizing rehabilitation loans for adding to an existing structure to make a family type dwelling unit was also explained.



The booklet titled "A Guide For Providing Community Housing Service For Veterans" issued by the Arizona State Veterans' Service Officer was issued to all present at the meetings, because it covers the entire question thoroughly and it was felt that with the explanations having been given and the appeal made to the communities that with the aid of the Guide they would be able to very shortly get their Housing Service in motion.

Mr. William G. Elder, Federal Public Housing Management Manager for the State of Arizona, was present at several of the meetings which led to the attached list of applications for temporary housing in the various communities throughout the State with allocations already approved.

The response to the meetings was very satisfactory and those conducting the tour feel very definitely that action will be taken in these communities to see that the veterans housing problem is corrected as soon as it is at all possible.



FEDERAL PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE STATE

OF ARIZONA WITH OCCUPANCY REPORTS AS OF

DECEMBER 31, 1945

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PROJECT NO.</u>	<u>NO. OF UNITS</u>	<u>OCCUPANCY</u>
Phoenix	1-3	150 PDU	15
Scottsdale	2271	34 TDU	32
Tolleson	2345-46-69	64 TR	50
Tucson	41	162 PDU	157
Tucson	2021	137 TDU	137
Tucson	2023	58 TR	46
Tucson	2024	70 TR	69
Tucson	2025	100 TDU	100
Tucson	2027	324 TDU	315
Tucson	2352	50 TR	44
Tucson	2380	24 TR	10
Warren	2120	236 TDU	52
		(156 Terminated)	
Winslow	2291	50 TR	32
Winslow )	2292 - 2325-		
Winslow )	2362	164 TDU	162
Winslow	2343	100 TDU	100
Yuma	2337- 2351-		
	2361	180 TDU	180
Yuma	2315	30 Dorm.	30
Yuma	2316	30 TDU	30
Yuma	2338	48 TDU	47
Yuma	2339	20 TR	18
Yuma	2363	90 TR	89
Yuma	2386	10 10 20 Dorm TR	Terminated
Phoenix	2378	8 TR to )	
		Tovrea Packing Co.)	Bailment
Seligman	2371	9 TR to )	
		Santa Fe RR )	Bailment
Winslow	--	45 TR to	
		Santa Fe RR	--
Tempe	2394	50 TR	Unoccupied
Tucson	2395	30 TR	"

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LIST OF APPLICATIONS FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING  
SUBMITTED DURING HOUSING TOUR

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>APPLICATIONS</u>	<u>ALLOCATED</u>
YUMA	100	25
WINSLOW	100	50
CASA GRANDE	50	20
COOLIDGE	50	20
TUCSON	1,000	130
PHOENIX	500	150
MARICOPA COUNTY	400	NONE
TEMPE	300	150
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA - Tucson	400	90
FLAGSTAFF	50	NONE